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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: STEERING APPARATUS FOR RAIL NON-  
CONTACT VEHICLE AND STEERING  
METHOD FOR THE SAME

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the final Office Action dated October 29, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.